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Learning Focus: To encourage children to write for purpose and audience.	
Curriculum Focus: English > Writing > Diary	
Tools used: Forum	




How this worked in practice: The children in India class (Year 2) have been learning about their namesake – the country of India, and as part of this have been learning about the range of animals that can be found there. To support this learning the class have adopted a mascot – an Elephant called Kiruba who travels home with a different child in the class each day. Either at home, or back at school the next day the children are then encouraged to record the events in Kiruba's Diary seen above which has been created using a forum. Some children choose to do this using text, others choose to do this using the embedded sound recorder.

All children in the class are able to access Kiruba's diary at all times and so armed with this knowledge the children contributing know that they have an audience and a real purpose for adding their entries, thus encouraging early writing, and effective speaking & listening opportunities.

By the end of this sequence of work children had developed skills in:

Literacy: Diary writing, Speaking & Listening (sound recording)

Learning: Self and Peer Assessment

Next Steps: Children could now begin to keep their own diaries in their eportfolios by creating learning journal blogs.